

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please cancel the paragraphs which was introduced by Amendment A between the second and third paragraphs on page 5.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for marking a laminated film ~~that covers and seals a contact lens container, wherein said laminated film comprises~~ having a metal film and a plastic film affixed to the metal film, the method comprising the steps of:
creating marks on the laminated film by removing said plastic film down to said metal film without perforating the metal film or by changing the plastic film in a manner that a visible color change occurs, by means of a laser, wherein the step of creating is performed after a contact lens container is sealed by the the laminated film.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the plastic film has pigments which change their colour on laser treatment.

3. (previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the plastic film has a side facing towards the metal film and a side facing away from the metal film, and said plastic film has printed text on the side facing towards or away from the metal film.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the printed text is printed with pigments that change colour on laser treatment.

5. (previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the contact lens container is a blister pack and the laminated film is firmly welded with the blister pack to seal the blister pack.

6. (previously amended) The method of claim 5 wherein several blister packs are covered and sealed by a strip of the laminated film and form a blister strip.

7. (previously amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the blister strip has five blister packs.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the laminated film is marked by laser after welding to the blister pack.

9. (Original) The method of claim 5 comprising the on-line welding of film to the blister pack and marking of film in a packaging plant.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising the use of a CO₂-laser as a laser.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising the use of a Nd:YAG laser.
12. (previously amended) The method of claim 10 comprising the use of a CO₂-laser with the wavelength 10.6 μm and the focus point of the laser beam with a diameter of 1000–100 μm , and preferably of 320 μm .
13. (previously amended) The method of claim 6 comprising a stopper bar for the blister packs.
14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the blister packs are transported within a packaging plant in at least two manufacturing lines alongside one other.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14 comprising two or more lasers for the marking of blister packs in lines.
16. (previously amended) The method of claim 6 , wherein each blister pack comprises a contact lens in blister packs.
- 17-21. (previously cancelled)
22. (Previously added) The method of claim 1, wherein the plastic film is a colored film whose color contrasts sharply with the color of the metal film, and wherein the colored plastic film is removed by means of the laser down to the metal film without perforating the metal film.
23. (Previously added) The method of claim 22, wherein the metal film is an aluminum film.
24. (Previously added) The method of claim 22, wherein the contact lens container is a blister pack and the laminated film is firmly welded with the blister pack to seal the blister pack.
25. (Previously added) The method of claim 24, wherein several blister packs are covered and sealed by a strip of the laminated film and form a blister strip.
26. (Previously added) The method of claim 22, wherein the laminated film is marked by laser after welding to the blister pack.